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TAGS: ASEC PINS CASC CO
SUBJ: CURTIS KIDNAPPING AFTERMATH

REF: BOGOTA 4844

1. SINCE TIME OF OUR LAST MESSAGE (REFTEL), CURTIS AND KLEIN HAVE BEEN

INTERVIEWED FURTHER BY THE JUDGE IN THE CASE. KLEIN HAS NOT
BEEN ARRESTED BUT JUDGE HAS STILL NOT INDICATED WHEN THEY WILL
BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE COLOMBIA.

2. KLEIN HAS BEEN PRESSING FOR ME TO FOLLOW-UP ON MY CONVERSATION
WITH FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO AND I THINK THIS WOULD BE
APPROPRIATE NOW THAT ANOTHER WEEK HAS GONE BY. ACCORDINGLY, I WILL
BE CONTACTING LIEVANO LATER TODAY TO REITERATE APPEAL, ON
HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS, THAT CURTIS AND KLEIN BE ALLOWED TO DEPART.

3. AFTER COORDINATING WITH KLEIN, I HAVE ALSO REQUESTED
AN APPOINTMENT FOR ME TO MEET WITH VICE ADMIRAL MELENDEZ WHO,
AS PROCURATOR-GENERAL OF THE ARMED FORCES, HEADS THE MILITARY
JUSTICE SYSTEM UNDER WHICH THE CURTIS CASE IS BEING
ADJUDICATED. I HAVE KNOWN MELENDEZ FOR SOME TIME: HE IS
FRIENDLY, RELAXED AND PRO-AMERICAN. I PLAN TO
EXPRESS TO HIM THE SAME APPEAL I MADE TO LIEVANO ON BEHALF

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OF CURTIS AND KLEIN. (I DO NOT THINK IT WOULD BE WISE FOR THE
EMBASSY TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF THE COLOMBIAN AND TWO BRITISH
NEGOTIATORS WHO ARE STILL UNDER ARREST.) MELENDEZ HAS RECENTLY
BEEN OUT OF BOGOTA BUT I EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO SEE HIM
MONDAY JUNE 6.
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